

# Child Safety and Grooming



## Standards:

This course aligns to the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

It also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content, Teachers Facilitate Learning and Teachers Analyze and Reflect.

Acknowledging the widespread threats to children's safety in today's world, this course equips teachers with a rich bank of information as well as practical strategies to promote students' safety, both in the real and online world.

In the first section, Internet Safety in a Connected World, teachers discover the threats that exist online, including social media, AI-altered images, sextortion, AI chatbots, cyberbullying, grooming, and online predators.

The second section, Child Abuse Prevention, empowers teachers to recognize the signs of child abuse and human trafficking, report as mandated reporters, and help prevent abuse.



1 CEU



100% Online



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## Course Outline

### SECTION A: Internet Safety in a Connected World

#### LESSON 1: Where Students Connect

- Social networks: where students connect and what counts
- Public and private, and content that disappears
- Photos and video, and what happens after the delete
- Location services and AI-altered images
- Interactive scenario: After the Delete

#### LESSON 2: Daily Life Online

- Direct messages, texts, and scams
- Sextortion: warning signs and first steps
- What students see: believing it, checking it, and AI chatbots
- Gaming, money online, and digital footprints
- Interactive scenario: Trust It or Check It

#### LESSON 3: Apps, Downloads, and Schoolwork

- Software students install: age ratings and permissions
- Copyright, fair use, and giving credit
- Plagiarism, and AI and schoolwork
- Harmful software, passwords, updates, and backups
- Interactive scenario: Ravi's Video

#### LESSON 4: Recognizing Harm and Responding

- Online predators and how grooming works
- Cyberbullying: forms, effects, and signs in the room
- Monitoring, controls, and usage agreements
- When a student discloses: reporting, documenting, and image removal
- Interactive scenario: Jordan's Week

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### SECTION B: Child Abuse Prevention

#### LESSON 1: Understanding Child Abuse

- Defining child abuse, neglect, and trafficking
- Exploring the types of child abuse and neglect and the signs of each
- Exploring the signs, types, and risk factors for trafficking
- Recognizing how predators work and how to deter them

#### LESSON 2: Perpetrators of Child Abuse

- Exploring who abuses children, including educators and other children
- Identifying causes and risk factors for abuse and the role of technology
- Understanding where abuse occurs and how grooming works, online and in person

#### LESSON 3: Reporting Child Abuse

- Understanding mandated reporting, including for students with disabilities
- Learning how to report cases of child abuse and neglect, its procedures and formalities
- Exploring the procedures of Child Protection Services and how to assist them with their investigation

#### LESSON 4: Prevention of Child Abuse

- Exploring the role of educators in preventing child abuse and neglect and responding to victims
- Identifying preventive strategies at the classroom, school, and community level, including codes of conduct and background checks
- Identifying strategies by which the cycle of abuse can be prevented or broken

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